

Abstract of the Disclosure

A device according to the invention is comprised of a specially designed electrode and a lead wire for use in electroacupuncture procedure to supply electric pulses to the patient's skin via acupuncture needles. The device is intended for use with a standard electric pulse generator for electro-acupuncture procedure. The electrode consists of a fin made of a thin metal plate or foil that possesses electroconductive properties, has a substantially rectangular or triangular shape and possesses rigidity in the direction of the acupuncture needle. The corners of the rectangular to triangular electrode can be rounded in order to prevent scratching of the patient's skin. The plate-like electrode has a hole on one edge for connection of a lead wire from the electric pulse generator and a thickened portion on the other edge with a blind hole for insertion of the acupuncture needle. On the side opposite to the insertion of the acupuncture needle, this hole can be closed by a cap to prevent sliding of the electrode towards the patient's skin. This cap also can be conveniently used for pushing on the needle for additional manual needle stimulation. The electric connection formed by a lead wire and electrode made of a thin plate or foil makes it possible to significantly reduce the weight of the device and thus to prevent deformation that might be caused by heavy alligator clamps used in accordance with a conventional practice.